

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

The Examiner requires election of a specific sequence (of SEQ ID Nos 1-4, 6, 7, and 10). Applicant elects with traverse SEQ ID NO. 4. Claims 1-18 read upon the elected species. Applicant traverses on the grounds that the elected sequence is a core sequence central to the invention. The dependent claims contain the elected core and some dependent claims further provide variations with additional defined sequences. Consequently, withdrawal of the election requirement is warranted.

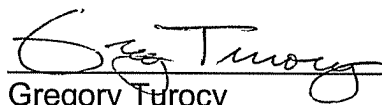
The Examiner also requires election of one of three specific diseases. Applicant elects with traverse idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18 read upon the elected species. Applicant traverses on the grounds that searching the elected disease and the two unelected diseases does not impose a great burden on the Examiner. Moreover, it is noted that the PCT rules for unity are satisfied. Consequently, withdrawal of this election requirement is also warranted.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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